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FORM PTO-1390 (REV. 11-2000) ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES 0760-0298P DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED PCT/JP01/02936 April 5, 2001 April 5, 2000 TITLE OF INVENTION ADSORBENT OF HIGH-MOBILITY-GROUP PROTEINS AND BODY FLUID-PURIFICATION COLUMN APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US MARUYAMA, Ikuro; IDA, Nobuo; MASUKO, Sanae Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39 (1). The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31). A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. A has been transmitted by the International Bureau. WO 01/74420 A1 is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). is transmitted herewith. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4) 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). have been transmitted by the International Bureau. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. Mave not been made and will not be made. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 10. (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). Items 11. to 20. below concern document(s) or information included: An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, Form PTO-1449(s), and International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) with 0 cited document(s). An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. A FIRST preliminary amendment. A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. 15. A substitute specification. 16. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825. A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). Other items or information: 1.) Form (PCT/IB/308)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

December 5, 2001

Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before line 1, insert --This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP01/02936 which has an International filing date of April 5, 2001, which designated the United States of America.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 18. (Amended) The adsorbent according to claim 1, wherein said water-insoluble carrier is in the form of beads.
- 19. (Amended) The adsorbent according to claim 1, which is used for therapy of sepsis.
- 20. (Amended) A body fluid-purification column for removing high-mobility-group proteins, comprising a column, and said adsorbent according to claim 1, which adsorbent is packed in said column.
- 23. (Amended) A method for adsorbing high-mobility-group proteins in body fluid, comprising contacting said adsorbent according to claim 1 with body fluid so as to adsorb said high-mobility-group proteins in said body fluid to said adsorbent.
- 25. (Amended) The method according to claim 23, wherein said body fluid is blood.
- 28. (Amended) Use of said adsorbent according to claim 1, for production of adsorbent material for adsorbing high-mobility-group proteins in body fluid.

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<u>REMARKS</u>

The specification has been amended to provide a crossreference to the previously filed International Application.

The claims have been amended to delete some multiple dependencies.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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- 20. (Amended) A body fluid-purification column for removing high-mobility-group proteins, comprising a column, and said adsorbent according to [any one of claims 1 to 19] claim 1, which adsorbent is packed in said column.
- 23. (Amended) A method for adsorbing high-mobility-group proteins in body fluid, comprising contacting said adsorbent according to [any one of claims 1 to 18] claim 1 with body fluid so as to adsorb said high-mobility-group proteins in said body fluid to said adsorbent.

- 25. (Amended) The method according to [or 24] claim 23, wherein said body fluid is blood.
- 28. (Amended) Use of said adsorbent according to [any one of claims 1 to 18] claim 1, for production of adsorbent material for adsorbing high-mobility-group proteins in body fluid.

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